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SUBJECT: A Neat Layout...Information from the Victory Garden Headquarters of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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A neat layout gets results. That's true, whether you're an advertizing manager, a publisher, an engineer or a victory gardener.

The garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture tell us that the layout of the garden is important, even in small plots. And they follow up with some general tips on making a successful layout.

First, if your garden is on sloping ground, have the rows run across the slope. When rows go up and down an incline, they invite spring showers and summer downpours to wash right on through the garden, carrying topsoil, seed and even little plants with them. But when the rows go across the slope, they hold the water and help prevent washing.

Next, perennial plants...asparagus, rhubarb, herbs and so on...should be kept together and away from the rest of the garden. They aren't as likely to be disturbed by the annual spring upheaval of spading and planting that way. They're also much easier to handle when they're off to themselves.

Talking about keeping like things together, it's a good idea to plant low-growing vegetables side by side and the taller plants near each other. Then the tall plants don't shade out the smaller ones.

Another thing. Put the early spring vegetables together, and you have a cleared space to start your fall garden in as the early vegetables mature and are used.

When it comes to the vegetables that grow best in this part of the country, and the varieties that are most productive, the county agent or your local victory garden leader can give you all the information you need on that.

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